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# PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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## TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111 and 37 C.F.R. 1.53 is the patent application of:

**LEONARD EKKERT**

For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD ALLOWING GAS FLOW INTO AND/OR OUT OF CONTAINER**

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### CLAIMS AS FILED

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